

28. (New) The fastener clip as claimed in claim 27 wherein said first fastener further comprises a second cross bar at a second end of said flexible filament and wherein said second fastener further comprises a second cross bar at a second end of said flexible filament.

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 have been canceled herein. No claims have been amended herein. New claims 11-28 have been added herein. Therefore, claims 10-28 are under active consideration.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Patent Office communicates the following restriction requirement:

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

I. Claims 1-9, drawn to a tool for dispensing fasteners, classified in class 227, subclass 67.

II. Claim 10, drawn to a fastener clip, classified in class 206, subclass 343.

In response to the foregoing restriction requirement, Applicants elect Group II, claim 10.


It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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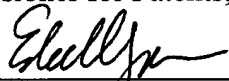
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